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Title : Need to sanction Rs. 30 crore for early completion of Nuapada-Gunnupur narrow gauge rail line into broad gauge.

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU (BERHAMPUR - ORISSA): Sir, the conversion of Nuapada-Ganupur narrow gauge rail line into broad gauge project was included in the past three budget from 2003 to 2006. In the past year's Railway Budget, a proposal for survey of extension from Gunapur to Theruvali has been approved. Rs. 35 crore was sanctioned for the project. Land acquisition has already been done and construction is in progress. It is learnt that there is no money left now with the authority. So the pace of work has come down. The total cost of the conversion as per the estimates is Rs. 95 crore. To complete the project more than Rs. 60 crore is required keeping in view the cost escalation. So, I request the hon. Railway Minister through you, Sir, to provide at least Rs. 30 crore in the 2006-2007 Railway Budget so that the work will proceed and the project is completed in time.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Virendra Kumar.

Shri Virendra Kumar − not present.

Shri Avinash Rai Khanna − not present.

Shri Harishchandra Chavan − not present.

Dr. Laxminarayan Pandey − not present.